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The State Department of Health Services (DHS) today announced that a recent joint Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and DHS inspection of the BKK Class 1 hazardous waste site in West Covina indicates apparent deficiencies in complying with BKK's Interim Status Document (operating permit).

In an inspection report EPA provided to DHS on August 11 major concerns related to adequacy of groundwater monitoring, comingling of bulk liquids with solid waste, and technical deficiencies in the facility's closure and post-closure financial assurance plan.

DHS officials said they and representatives of other agencies plan to confer on future actions to improve groundwater monitoring and verify proper liquid disposal practices.

DHS officials from the Toxic Substances Control Division will meet in Los Angeles on Friday, August 26, with representatives of the EPA, State Water Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to discuss appropriate actions at the BKK landfill.

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